

**Description:**

The Idaho Women's Commission provides education and advocacy for women and families. Its mission is to encourage women to increase their participation in the social, governmental,, and economic progress of their communities.

**Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:**

1. Gather and disseminate information on legal, social, legislative, economic, and educational issues for women and families.
  - A. Increase number of contacts and activities planned with Idaho citizens and organizations impacting women and families, and media by 4 percent yearly.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
5,185	4,800	5,040	5,292
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
5,556	5,833	6,125	

- B. Increase number of "Women and Laws" booklets printed/distributed by 9 percent each time it is revised and printed, this includes e-mail.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
11,000	11,000	not printed	11,000
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
not printed	12,000	not printed	

- C. Increase number of information and referral telephone calls and internet contacts received by Commission office by 4 percent yearly.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
1,146	1,146	1,203	1,263
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
1,326	1,392	1,461	

2. Increase commissioner, public, and legislative involvement on behalf of women and families in Idaho.
  - A. Increase number of contacts and activities with legislators by 5 to 10 percent yearly.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
475	584	522	548
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
575	603	627	

- B. Increase the gathering and dissemination of legislative information to Commissioners and public.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
530	556	584	613
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
643	675	688	

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C. Increase commissioner volunteer hours on behalf of women and families by 5%/year.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
1,720	1,400	1,470	1,543
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
1,620	1,701	1,754	

D. Increase the amount of grant money and donations received by the commission to help fund projects by 5%.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
\$9,000	\$2,500	none	\$2,700
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
\$1,500	\$3,000	\$700	

**Program Results and Effect:**

Commission members and the Director meet with individuals and community-based groups around the State (and country) that provide services and advocacy efforts for women and their families. The Commission shares information and plans collaborative programs, such as educational workshops on finances, small business, personal development and legal issues. The Director takes statewide information and referral calls on the Commission's toll-free telephone line on issues ranging from starting a new business to divorce and domestic violence. Commissioners have collected hundreds of referral sources from each of their geographic regions for the Director to utilize. The toll-free number is listed in the telephone directories of five major Idaho cities and is listed on a web site home page for the Commission. The booklet produced by the IWC, "Idaho Laws, a Guide for Women and Families" provides invaluable information to all Idahoans on a large range of legal issues that impact women and their families. This booklet is published about every 2 years with the help of grants secured by the IWC. The 2000 revision includes legislative changes and has also been published in Spanish. Commission members track legislation and state agency activities that impact women and families. They communicate Commission positions to legislators and provide legislative information to women and family organizations. As a result, women and families of Idaho are represented by legislative advocates and are better informed about the legislative process. The overall effect of this program is to improve the lives of women and children in Idaho. Education is the key component in assisting women to better provide for themselves and their families. The IWC continues to network with agencies that assist women and families transition from welfare to self-sufficiency. The Commission seeks to provide any needed information to the Legislature on issues that would impact women and families.

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